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City Centre turns into cell phone-snatching hub

- 24 cases of mobile thefts reported in one year
- Victims bumped into to snatch costly gadgets
- Zebra Crossings and footpaths are target points

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (RK&BCT)- It's a cool morning and you are out on the road, earphones plugged in, listening to music as you walk or cross a road. Suddenly, two people bump into you and snatch your mobile out of your hand, and run away. Or they might act like helping you and snatch your phone after your attention is diverted.

In a split second, your world feels like its crashing around you. The smart phone, which has all your information, right from banking to stock portfolios and messaging data, social media, mobile wallets and mails, is now gone. This is the stuff of nightmares, but it has come true for a lot of people, unfortunately. Mobile phone thefts from people who are on the move have become a commonplace and there's little one can do once the mobile is gone, apart from lodging a Police complaint and hoping for the best.

With these mobile phone thieves on the prowl, walking without fear even on busy streets of the city is becoming a nightmare for many. Police say that mobile phone-snatchers have added more to the menace created by chain-snatchers in city.

From January 2019 to December 2019, 24 cases of mobile-snatching have been reported from Devaraja, Lashkar, Nazarbad, Udayagiri, Alanahalli, Narasimharaja, Vijayanagar, Saraswathipuram and Kuvempunagar Police Stations. Of them, 20 cases have been detected and 25 phones recovered.

Doctor targeted

On Dec. 22, the mobile phone of Dr. N. Sriram, Consultant Pathologist, Bhagavan Pathology Laboratory in city, was snatched on the busy stretch near Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, near Palace North Gate. The doctor was crossing the main road after parking his car at the designated spot.

Narrating his experience to *Star of Mysore*, Dr. Sriram said, "On that day at around 6.30 pm, I was crossing the road near the Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple after parking my car at Town Hall. An autorickshaw came suddenly on a Zebra Crossing towards K.R. Circle (Old Statue Square) and was about to collide with me. I almost fell while avoiding the auto and two persons came to my help and held me. Later I realised that my expensive mobile phone from my shirt pocket was missing as my attention was distracted. I realised this after they fled the spot," he said.

Dr. Sriram suspected that the auto driver too might be involved. "As the two persons held me, I heard the auto driver saying in Kannada '*Bega Hatthi*' (climb the auto fast)," he said.

Having lost his gadget that had two SIM cards, the doctor rushed to Devaraja Police Station and a case was registered. An FIR (382/2019) was booked and the complaint had all the details including the IMEI numbers.

"While I was at Devaraja Police Station, another elderly couple (tourists) also came to the Police Station to give a similar complaint of mobile phone theft. They too had lost the phone near the Palace and going by their narration, it looked like the similar *modus operandi* was employed by thieves here too," he said.

Modus operandi

The *modus operandi* of the mobile phone thieves is to target victims at Zebra Crossings in the heart of the city like K.R. Circle, Hardinge Circle, JLB Road Junction, Metropole Circle and other areas in the Central Business District. Cases have been reported from Lashkar, Devaraja, Nazarbad and KR Police Stations.

Police said that either the victims are bumped into while crossing the road or a two-wheeler stops by and the pillion rider snatches the mobile phone either from the hands or shirt pocket. Some victims are made to trip and fall on the road to divert their attention and the costly gadgets are seized. Police said that after the phone is snatched, the SIM card is removed and the instrument's software is changed with technology and the phone is either used or sold off.

(See CELL PHONE on page 11)

Illegal mining of precious stones surfaces again in Kodagu forests

Two arrested; Rs. 7 lakh worth unpolished stones seized

Madikeri, Jan. 4 (PS,SD&BCT)- Illegal mining of precious and semi-precious stones has once again raised its ugly head inside the Reserve Forests of Kodagu, especially in the district's border areas with Kerala and Hassan.

There are organised gangs that operate inside the thick forests and are plundering the forest wealth.

Yesterday, Forest Department personnel arrested two persons for mining inside the Pattighat Reserve Forest near Bhagamandala and seized 25 kgs of precious stones. Another 50 kgs of stones have been seized based on the clues provided by the accused.

(See PRECIOUS STONES on page 11)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

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Nation's image in *New Year*

Self-image of the nation visualised in the backdrop of happenings across its territory, reported by media and that expressed by external agencies, both subjectively and objectively, during the 365 days of 2019 may be said to conform to the optimum spectrum in the sky, familiar to all as the rainbow, comprising violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange and red. The colours of the image seem to be in the range between highly pleasing and extremely harsh, depending on the perception of the beholder, as the expression *Beauty lies in the eye of the beholder* goes. The land's headcount has increased by about 15 million resulting in increased stress for the Government of the day in discharging the responsibility of providing good governance, which essentially means that no citizen is denied the right to live in reasonable comfort as well as the provisions stated in the Constitution, including the 120 or so amendments. While the claims to the year's achievements blared by various Departments of the Government at the Centre have not gone down well in many circles in the open, the manner of expressing their discord is the crux of the nation's image.

Sentiment ruling the love for their land and emotion generated by the various occasions such as Independence Day continue to spur public speakers of all hues to include in their speeches popular lines *Unity in Diversity* and the *World is one family* dismissed by many as mere platitudes.

Only a small fraction in the country's population, even the literati, may be able to get the full import of the currently publicised status of the nation's *economic health,* briefly stated as the slow down of the economy. While factors causing the decline have been identified by the team of advisors to the Government and action needed to revive the economy are being proposed by those who have the necessary credentials, the other equally important side to the nation's image is its *social health,* which has a bearing on a multitude of factors, all of them with a long history, some of them dating back to several centuries and many being our own creation, exposing utter lack of vision.

Society of the past sustained itself despite threats to its stability, thanks to the mentors commanding respect and acceptance of their guidelines by the diaspora. The land still hosts mentors in different regions, not giving up hopes of happy days ahead, but their voices seem to have got feeble amidst the cacophony of the public speakers hell-bent on creating disharmony. The *New Year* awaits an image of the nation with all colours pleasing to the eye and the mind.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Legend has it that a man prayed for money and then became rich by growing multiple plants from one — giving the plant its name. Not sure if that was the case here but officials in Odisha over the weekend unearthed property worth over Rs. 1 crore in the possession of a gardener-cum-horticulture extension worker employed by the State Government. On a tip-off, officials raided the house of one Udhab Behera and that of his relatives in Mayurbhanj and Balasore district and found a neat stash. Besides the cash, Behera owned a three-storey house, 12 plots of land, a poultry farm, three two-wheelers, big-ticket deposits and investments in banks plus a huge amount of gold ornaments. *— In Business Standard*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Drivers trapped by piles of tumbleweed

Washington: US highway in Washington state had to be closed in both directions at around 6.30pm on New Year's Eve due to the balls of dry plants blowing in.

Trooper Chris Thorson of Washington state patrol said five cars and one truck had been trapped in the tumbleweeds, in an incident which he dubbed "tumblegeddon".

The plants were so thick that snow ploughs had to be used to clear the scene. nd it was 10 hours before authorities were able to reopen State Route 240 near West Richland around 4.30am on New Year's Day.

"People were still stuck at midnight and rung in the new year trapped under the weeds," he said.

Trooper Thorson said after the sun had risen, one car was found abandoned with no one in it.

'Angry' tortoise rescued after starting house fire

Essex: An "angry" looking tortoise has been rescued from a house fire after setting the place ablaze.

The 45-year-old tortoise knocked a heat lamp onto his bedding, which caught fire and filled the house near Uttlesford in Essex with smoke on Christmas Day at around 4:50pm.

Neighbours heard the fire alarm and called 999, scrambling firefighters who arrived and put the blaze out and rescued the unnamed shell-dweller, which Essex County Fire and Rescue Service said "might look angry".

Gary Wain, watch manager at Great Dunmow Fire Station, said: "This incident shows just how important it is to have smoke alarms on every level of your home. Even if you're not home they will alert anyone close by to the first sign of fire."

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What are the six food tastes?

1) Sweet - Builds tissues, calms nerves; 2) Sour- Cleanses tissues; 3) Salt - Improves taste of foods, lubricates tissues; 4) Bitter - Detoxifies and lightens tissues; 5) Pungent - Stimulates digestion and metabolism; 6) Astringent - Absorbs water, tightens tissues, dries fats.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Elected as Fellow of Association of Carbohydrate Chemists and Technologists (India)

Mysuru, Jan. 4- Dr. G. Muralikrishna, former HoD and retired Chief Scientist, Department of Biochemistry, CSIR-CFTRI and a resident of CFTRI Layout, Bogadi 2nd Stage, Mysuru, was elected as Fellow of Association of Carbohydrate Chemists and Technologists (ACCT), India, in the International Carbohydrate Symposium held at Lucknow University recently.

He received the citation from the Hon. President of ACCT(I) Prof. Naveen Khare. The ACCT(I) Fellowship is conferred annually on the Scientists and Technologists who have made outstanding contributions in the field of carbohydrates.

Dr. Muralikrishna has earlier received Carbohydrate Excellence Award (2013), Lifetime Achievement Award (2018) from ACCT(I,) AFST(I) Fellow (2008), Laljee Godhoosmaraknidhi Award (2002) from Association of Food Technologists, India, in addition to annual awards from CFTRI for Best Paper in Basic Science (2006) and Best Individual Contributions (2009).

Dr. G. Muralikrishna** (right) **receiving the citation from ACCT(I) Hon. President Prof. Naveen Khare at Lucknow University recently.

The retired Chief Scientist has guided 14 Ph.D candidates and published over 75 publications in peer-reviewed International journals and has H-index of 25 and citations over 2,200.

Dr. Muralikrishna was granted four Indian patents and one US patent. He is in the National Task Forces of project granting agencies, New Delhi and reviewer for more than 20 International peer reviewed journals.

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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1 Euro	= Rs. 80.00

VOICE OF THE READER

Streamline toll collection on KRS Road

Sir,

Tourists visiting the world famous Brindavan Gardens at KRS are at the mercy of the staff of the contractor handling the toll.

Most of the tourists arriving after 7 pm may not be able to enjoy the beauty of the Garden as their entry to Garden will get delayed by more than two hours, owing to piling up of vehicles at the toll point.

On every weekends and on public holidays, there will be a heavy rush and the length of the queue of the vehicles to enter KRS parking lot extends to more than 2 kms. The process of issuing ticket takes about two to three minutes per vehicle. There are only two persons having the hand-held ticket issuing machine. This causes undue delay, resulting in a very slow movement of the vehicles.

During weekends and on other public holidays, there should be more number of persons to issue the tickets. Also, the entrance at the toll gate need to be widened, to have more lanes for the incoming vehicles and to facilitate fast movement of the vehicles.

Earlier, motorists going to KRS backwaters were paying only the toll and not the Garden parking fee. But now the new contractor is charging parking fee plus toll for the vehicles moving towards KRS backwaters. In spite of telling the person issuing tickets about this, they fleece the motorists moving towards backwaters by charging both Garden parking and toll fee.

I request the authorities concerned to streamline the toll gate collection by instructing the contractor to employ more number of persons to collect the toll during weekends and on public holidays. And also, the contractor should be instructed not to collect the parking fees when the motorists are going towards KRS backwaters.

—K. Chandrahas

Mysuru
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Gita Jnana Yajna from Jan.5 to 11

Mysuru, Jan. 4- Swami Aparajitananda will be delivering a week-long discourse in English on 'Gnana Vigyan Yoga,' the 7th Chapter of *Bhagavad Gita* under the auspices of Chinmaya Mission, Mysuru.

Swami Aparajitananda

This programme will be held from Jan.5 to 11 at Shivananda Jnanalaya, JLB Road, between 6.30 pm and 8 pm. From Jan.6, there will be chanting of Sri Vishnu Sahasranama and bhajans between 6 pm and 6.30 pm.

The Swamiji was the resident Acharya even before he wore the saffron robe and is now heading the Mission Centre at Mangaluru. He has conducted several Yajnas all over Karnataka as well as outside and has compiled many of Gurudev's teachings in a book called '*Read daily live fully*' and he contributes regularly to *Vedanta Vani*, a monthly publication from Chinmaya Mission in Karnataka.

Swamiji is a voracious reader and possesses absolute clarity and focus in thoughts. His soft and polite way of interacting connects him well with one and all

Nruthya Samarpana and 'Somasree' Awards ceremony tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 4- In honour and as a homage to the Founder-Patron of Sri Uma Maheshwara Nruthya Kalakshetra Trust late T.N. Somashekar, Vidushi K. Sharika and troupe will be presenting a dance feature 'Nruthya Sinchana' and disciples of Vidushi Sreelakshmi Kumar will be presenting a dance ballet 'Navagraha Stuti' at Jaganmohan Palace in city on Jan. 5 at 5.45 pm.

Hindustani vocalist and art critic Dr. Manik Bengeri will inaugurate the event.

President of District Brahmana Sabha D.T. Prakash will be the guest of honour.

On this occasion, Bharatanatyam exponent and social worker Vidushi Dr. Jamuna Rani V. Mirle and Vice-President of Sri Brahmarambha Sangeetha Vidyalaya Vidwan Mysore V. Ambaprasad will be honoured with prestigious 'Somasree' Awards.

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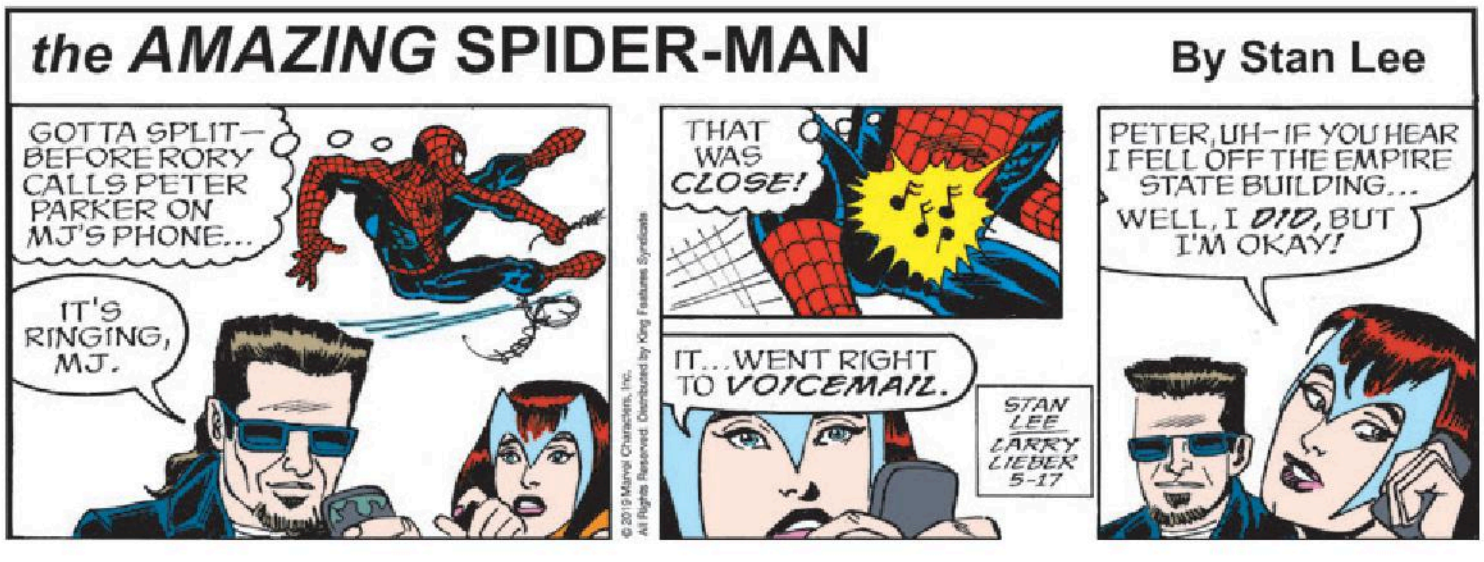
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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption tomorrow

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow (Jan. 5) between 6 am and 6 pm in the following areas: Chikkayyanachatra, Thandya Industrial Area, Kempisiddanahundi, Hulimavu, Hadinaru, Hosakote, Thumbunerale and surrounding villages, according to a press release from Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC).

Free astrology class at BVB

Bharatiya Jyothisha Samsthan, Bengaluru, in collaboration with Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra, is conducting a free astrology class on Jan. 5 (Sunday) at BVB premises in Vijayanagar. Interested may contact Mob: 98451-74994 or 90710-37254, according to a press release from the Bharatiya Jyothisha Samsthan.

St. Thomas old students meet

The 1987-1997 batch students of St. Thomas School at Vishweshwaranagar will be meeting on Jan. 5 at 11 am at the school premises. For details, contact Naveen Kavirathna on Mob: 99007-76633, according to a press release.

Nari Shakti Puraskar

The Department of Women and Child Development has invited entries from individuals and organisations who have served for a minimum of five years in the field of women's development for presentation of 'Nari Shakthi Puraskar (2019-20)' established by the Centre. Individuals should be above 25 years. The application forms for the award must be submitted online through website www.narishaktipuraskar.wcd.gov.in, before Jan.7. For details, call Ph: 0821-2498031 or 2495432, according to a press release from the Department.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	121.58 ft
Yesterday	121.62 ft
Inflow	798 cusecs
Outflow	1,208 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,276.99 ft
Inflow	309 cusecs
Outflow	50 cusecs

Staff foils theft at jewellery store

Accused was wearing helmet and brandishing machete; CCTV camera captures incident

PICTURES FROM LEFT: ***CCTV footages showing the youth on the scooter, spraying insecticide inside the shop before lighting fire and the machete he threw on the road before fleeing from the shop on Chamaraja Double Road.***

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (RK&KS)- An attempt to loot a jewellery store by a helmet-wearing youth was foiled by the staff, who threw a metal stool on the youth and raised alarm forcing the youth to leave back the machete (long) he was brandishing and flee from the jewellery store.

The incident took place in broad daylight yesterday at Megha Jewels, behind Mahadeshwara Temple on Chamaraja Double Road. The incident has been captured by the CCTV camera installed in the jewellery store.

The youth, who came on a Honda Dio scooter, entered the jewellery store, wearing a full face helmet and asked the staff to show him some gold ornaments. As the owner of the store Ramesh had locked the lockers and had gone for lunch, Mahesh, one of the staff at the store, asked the youth to wait for 10 minutes as the store owner would arrive by then.

Suddenly, the youth brandished a machete (long) and threatened the staff, sprayed insecticide and lit fire with a lighter.

Shocked over this, Mahesh and another staff, threw a metal stool at the youth and raised an alarm attracting neighbouring shopkeepers. But the youth threatened them with the machete and within 10 seconds, threw the machete and managed to flee.

K.R. Police, who rushed to the jewellery store, conducted mahazar, obtained the CCTV footage from the store and have launched a hunt to nab the youth.

The Police have also collected footages from the neighbouring shops to identify the registration number of the scooter on which he had arrived, besides collecting more information from Mahesh, the staff at the jewellery store.

Vidyaranyapuram Police nab chain-snatcher, solve 7 cases

Recover seven gold *mangalya* chains worth about Rs. 9.32 lakh

Syed Ummar

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (KS)- Vidyaranyapuram Police have arrested a 39-year-old man on charges of snatching gold *mangalya* chains in city and have recovered *mangalya* chains worth Rs. 9.32 lakh besides seizing a scooter used for the crime.

The arrested is Syed Ummar of Sathyanagar in city.

On Dec. 17, 2019, Vidyaranyapuram Police were conducting checking of vehicles near J.P. Nagar link Road, when they found Syed on a white colour Honda Activa scooter (KA-53-R-2109) coming from Nanjangud side in a suspicious manner.

The Cops, who stopped Syed and checked the scooter dickey, found another registration plate bearing number KA-55-R-5623 and stickers of numbers in it.

The Police then checked his pockets and found a piece of a gold chain following which they took him into custody and brought him to the Police Station for questioning.

During interrogation, the accused is said to have confessed of snatching gold *mangalya* chains in Vidyaranyapuram, Kuvempunagar and Alanahalli Police limits.

Based on the information provided by the accused, the Police have recovered seven gold *mangalya* chains weighing 233 grams and worth Rs. 9.32 lakh from him besides seizing the scooter used for the crime.

Following his arrest, the Police have solved five chain-snatching cases in Vidyaranyapuram and one case each in Kuvempunagar and Alanahalli Police Stations, according to a press release from the PRO, City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.

Mysore Tamil Sangam President Pukazhendhi passes away

Pukazhendhi

Mysuru, Jan.4- K. Pukazhendhi (65), President of Mysore Tamil Sangam (Literary and Cultural Association) and Karnataka Tamil Federation, passed away at a private hospital in Madurai on Dec.30, 2019.

He leaves behind his wife Rojavathi, daughters Pavithra and Bhavya and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his native village Memalur in Tamil Nadu on Dec.31.

Condolence Meeting: The Mysore Tamil Sangam, Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, has organised a meeting at Vellala Mudaliar Sangam, Ittigegud, Mysuru, tomorrow (Jan.5) from 4 pm to 7 pm, to condole the death of Pukazhendhi.

Painter commits suicide

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (KS)- A painter, who was under the influence of alcohol, committed suicide by hanging self to a tree on Lalitha Mahal Road in city on Thursday.

The deceased is Raghu (30), a resident of Yaraganahalli here.

It is learnt that Raghu had a fight in his home and later committed suicide.

Alanahalli Police have registered a case in this regard.

Overgrown median garden plants obstruct view on JLB Road

Mysuru, Jan. 4- It is with good intention and to beautify the city and also to increase the green cover, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has set up median strip garden or gardens on medians. However, at some places in city, these plants have overgrown, obstructing the view of motorists. Like these photos show overgrown median garden on the Jhansi Rani Lakshmi Bai (JLB) Road. Some of the plants have stretched beyond the medians and are obstructing traffic flow. This might lead to accidents.

A median strip or central reservation is the reserved area that separates opposing lanes of traffic on divided roadways, such as divided highways, dual carriageways, freeways and motorways. The term also applies to divided roadways other than highways, such as some major streets in urban or suburban areas.

It cannot be denied that the number of accidents has increased over time and a busy road like the JLB Road reports many accidents every other day. Instead of focussing on cruising, people look at these overgrown plants and collide with other vehicles while avoiding them.

Non-payment of money for milk procured

Farmers fume against MLA G.T. Devegowda

Mysuru, Jan.4 (RK&US)- Farmers of Yachegowdanahalli in the taluk reportedly fumed at MLA G.T. Devegowda near DC's office here yesterday alleging that the money for milk supplied to the dairy for the last four months had not been paid.

G.T. Devegowda

The farmers were agitating near DC's office for the last five days seeking shifting of the 440kv High Tension power line being drawn to the power grid station. District Minister V. Somanna and Devegowda arrived at the spot and assured the farmers that a meeting would be held on Jan.11 and decide about the HT cable issue which prompted the farmers to temporarily withdraw the stir.

When Devegowda was about to leave, over 20 farmers including women surrounded him and demanded money for the milk supplied to Yachegowdanahalli Milk Producers Co-operative Society. They alleged that the society dairy staff claim that the money has not been released from Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Central Co-operative (MCDCC) Bank which incidentally is headed by G.D. Harish Gowda, son of Devegowda.

The farmers voicing their anger questioned the rationale behind the inordinate delay in payment by MCDCC Bank when the bank is headed by the MLA's son. They said that they had voted the MLA to power and fumed at what they got in return. When the farmers' anger began mounting up with the farmers shouting slogans against Devegowda, the equally disturbed and angered MLA pretended ignorance about the problem and assured to discuss the matter on the coming Monday and disburse the amount due. Not budging, the farmers demanded the payment.

When the tension began to escalate, the Police intervened, managed to bundle off Devegowda in the District Minister's car. But the determined farmers voiced their anger surrounding the car.

Harish Gowda clarifies

MCDCC Bank Chairman G.D. Harish Gowda has claimed that the non-payment of money for the milk supplied is an internal problem of the Yachegowdanahalli Milk Producers Co-operative Society.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Harish Gowda claimed that there was a misunderstanding between the President and Secretary of the Village Society Dairy on account of which Gungral Chatra MCDCC Bank Branch Manager had not released the amount. He said that he had spoken to the Dairy President and had suggested to provide an authorisation letter to the Supervisor so that the money could be released by MCDCC Bank. He reiterated that it is an internal problem of the society and the Bank cannot be blamed. He assured to do the needful.

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No. KST/EEM/JE/822/2019-20 Date : 02.01.2020

E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION
No. : 21 / 22 / 23 / 24 / 2019-20

Item wise tenders are invited for the work mentioned below as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement at KTTP Ordinance at 1999, and Rules 2000 from the appropriate class of Civil Contractors in KPWD and CPWD as mentioned below through E-procurement. The contractors / firms will have to upload all required information documents and rates etc., in the website only i.e., https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. No documents will be accepted manually

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Approximate amount put to tender (in Lakhs)	E.M.D. (in Rs.)
1	Addition and alteration works to account section converted to meeting hall in DC's Office Rural Division at Mysuru	2.79	5,975/-
2	Extension of parking shed in DWS at Mysuru Rural Division for Volvo busses	3.11	7,775/-
3	Construction of toilet block in crew rest room at Mofussil depot-01 at Mysuru.	3.28	8,200/-
4	Providing and construction of modern septic tank in Belakavadi Bus Station	3.44	8,600/-

(1) Last date for receipt of tenders : **14.01.2020.** (2) Interested bidders can login to the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for details on or after **06.01.2020.** (3) Any other information required can be had from the Office of the Executive Engineer, KSRTC, Bannimantapa, Mysuru during working hours, Tel. Phone No. : 0821-2498828.

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A credo for 2020:

Acceptance & Kindness

As the New Year rolls in, so also gifts. And like all offices do, I too get annual diaries and calendars as gifts. But this year, a gift rolled into my office that reminded me of an India we all have forgotten but exists.

The gift arrived in a narrow and long three-foot high box. It was beautifully wrapped. The note on it said it was from R.G. Singh of Ramsons Kala Pratishtana art foundation. Since I don't like tearing off gift wraps as I reuse it I began to unwrap it slowly by peeling off the tapes holding the edges.

I found it wasn't the end as there was another sheet of plastic wrapper underneath. So I unwrapped this too, only to find a bubble wrap beneath it. I was starting to feel irritated and wondered if this was a prank where I will only find a ball of paper in the end. Just then R.G. Singh called to check if I had received the gift and what I thought of it.

Irritated, I asked him if he had sent me Draupadi? Confused, he asked me, "What do you mean?" I replied, "Because the unwrapping of your gift seems to be never-ending." Finally, after the bubble wrap, I thought it was finally over but again there was a newspaper cover. At wits end, I ripped it apart and viola! There lay before me a beautiful painting of Lord Krishna playing with his friends. The painting is not striking, but like its painter it, was subtle, humble, precise and artistic.

But what made this painting a great gift was not just the image of Lord Krishna but the painter whose work I always wanted but never could get — Kamal Ahmed from Gadag.

Artist Kamal Ahmed has evolved a unique style of painting of his own that does not conform to any of the known Indian schools of painting. But he has taken elements of 'Pahari style' (hills of Himachal Pradesh) and incorporated elements of Rajput miniatures and Surapura (Shorapur) style of painting of Kalaburagi and Yadgir districts. And since he has his own unique style not conforming to any school or style of painting, he unfortunately does not have enough patrons as they are obsessed with conformity.

More importantly, Kamal Ahmed is

The painting titled** Navaneetha Chora **depicts Krishna and Balarama along with the Gopalaka friends caught stealing butter by Krishna's mother Yashoda at Nanda Gokula. This is from a series of about 50 paintings depicting the various** bala leelas **(childhood pranks of Krishna) from Bhagavata Purana.

Kamal Ahmed

Naveen Kumar

the manifestation of how art and society benefit when there is kindness and acceptance above religion.

Kamal was born in a poor Muslim family in Gadag, North Karnataka. That he had six other siblings didn't make life easy. The financial burden hindered his education until he was accepted into the Thontadarya Mutt in Gadag.

At the Mutt he got free education and food. And it was here that he was exposed to Hindu mythology which inspired him to begin his artistic journey. And today, he is a practising Muslim who loves painting Hindu Gods and their stories. In the case of Kamal he likes painting especially Bala Krishna.

Now, thanks to an open-minded Muslim family that admitted their son to a Hindu Mutt choosing their child's education over religion and thanks to a Mutt that saw a poor boy who needed education rather than a boy of another religion.

Thanks to a non-threatening environment, a young boy absorbed the stories of a new religion without prejudice or suspicion that today we have an exemplary artist with a unique style. An artist who, while performing *namaz* at his local mosque in Gadag, travels all the way down to Udupi to visit the Krishna Temple to feel inspired.

Now, this painting hangs in our office as a symbol of what India is and should be. This painting is a new addition to a painting by Mohammed Osman, also a Muslim artist from a village near Hyderabad, who too loves painting Lord Krishna but more so decorated Basava during Sankranthi.

In these turbulent times where people have become so divisive, people like Kamal and Mutts like Thontadarya Mutt should be an example in acceptance and kindness.

Speaking of example, here is another one. The story of a young boy named **Naveen Kumar,** the State topper in Arts for 2014.

Naveen hails from a remote village called Talamari in Raichur district. I had visited that village after the 2009 floods, it was a place with no future.

Naveen's father, Venkatesh, works as a *hamali* and his mother, Divya, is a daily wage worker in fields. It seems, though Naveen had passed SSLC with 85 percent, his parents asked him not to study further as they could not afford his education. Instead, they wanted him to be a daily-wager so the family could have a little extra income.

A Chemistry teacher, one Khaleed, heard that Naveen was going to discontinue his education and become a daily-wager. It disappointed him that a boy who got 85 percent in 10th was giving up education. So Khaleed visited Naveen's parents and convinced them that their son needed to study further.

When Naveen's parents expressed their inability to pay the college fees, Khaleed convinced Infant Jesus Pre-University College management to significantly reduce his fees. Then Khaleed made sure Naveen got accommodation in the Backward Classes and Minority (BCM) Hostel.

Naveen soon moved into the overcrowded hostel and survived on the limited food and used the college library. Two years later, he secured the 1st Rank in Arts category in the 2014 State Board exams. He scored 574 out of 600. He had secured 98 in Kannada, 95 in Economics, 94 in Sociology, 95 in Political Science, 100 in History and for a village boy who always studied in Kannada medium, scored 92 in English!

Now that's a Rank worth celebrating — A poor talented backward class Hindu boy, saved by a concerned Muslim teacher, fostered by a Christian institution. Wah! Every one of them, chose their human emotion, the act of kindness, above their faith.

May be, the above stories, true stories, of simple Indians, will inspire the new class of educated, overly aggressive, opinionated, ill-informed and prejudiced urban Indians to be kinder Indians with the sublime sentiment of acceptance in the New Year.

Thank you dear readers, I wish you all a Happy New Year and may the year ahead be filled with acceptance, tolerance and kindness.

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Weekend STAR Supplement

Growing Grain

You may be familiar with the picturesque image of rice paddies — lush, green fields, perhaps stacked in terraces — but do you know how rice gets from the paddy to your plate? The process is seriously labour-intensive, requiring more steps than you might think would be necessary for such tiny, little grains. A staple found all over the world, rice is grown everywhere from Minnesota to Myanmar and from Malaysia to Mysuru. The focus of this ***Weekend Star Supplement*** is rice harvesting in Mysuru region where farmers are finding it difficult to rent out harvesting machines in this peak season.

Harvesting, Threshing, Winnowing

Bumper crop but harvest process hit

Non-availability of paddy harvesting machines worries farmers

By S.T. Ravikumar and M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Unlike in the West, not much mechanisation has taken place in the agriculture sector in India. And even those using machines hold a grievance that they cannot use it all through the year, or they are not available on rent when needed.

Our agriculture experts, who keep on harping that mechanisation helps increase production, are however, blissfully ignorant about the lack of its popularity among farmers. One of the reasons why such machines are not popular is due to non-availability of machines.

Ever since mechanised equipment was introduced in India, paddy or ragi harvesting season has witnessed a growing trend towards the use of harvesters. Till a decade ago, most of the paddy was harvested manually, mostly by landless or near-landless farm workers from the same or neighbouring villages.

During crop harvesting, workers are in great demand as all landowners need them. This, in a way, improved the bargaining strength of what was otherwise the weakest and most vulnerable section of rural society.

A disturbing trend

However, with the rapid spread of harvesters, farm workers lost employment which was most important. While millions of person-days of employment have been lost in this way in recent years due to mechanisation, hardly any attention has been given to this disturbing trend by the Government. In addition, millions of tonnes of fodder have been lost. While manual harvesting preserved crop residues as fodder, combine harvester squanders valuable fodder.

Farmers spread their crops on the road for 'automatic threshing' by speeding vehicles.

Much Depends on Dinner

Rice is a key commodity to combat world hunger. It is vastly important to the survival of the human race. It is the main sustenance for half the population of the earth and if some catastrophe was to kill all the rice crops of the world, at least a billion and a half human beings would suffer acute hunger, and millions would die of starvation.

Growing rice occupies the entire lives of over a billion people and it constitutes the only source of buying power for as many millions. Rice is not only significant in the biological welfare of the human race but it is also a creator and controller of human society. Rice touches power structures, technology, population figures, personal relationships and religious custom, says Margaret Visser in her book 'Much Depends on Dinner'.

From green to golden brown

Farmers in Mysuru and Mandya region (command areas of Krishna Raja Sagar Dam (KRS) and Kabini reservoirs) took up paddy cultivation as the dams are full and the continuous availability of water was assured. Cultivation was taken up after a long break as the authorities had forbidden its cultivation because of drought last year. They wanted the water in the reservoirs to be used for drinking purposes only. With heavy rains till the end of October 2019, both KRS and Kabini have not only attained full reservoir levels but the dams have maintained the full level even in the month of January. Also, this feat has been achieved after Karnataka has fulfilled its obligation to release water to Tamil Nadu.

Now the crop has reached its fullest growth where the colour of the grain has turned from green to golden brown and ready for harvest.

Stages of grain formation

1. Milky	Press on a grain and see milky liquid ooze out
2. Dough	Liquid hardens inside the grain and the grain will show a dent when pinched
3. Mature	Grain is hard and the heavy heads often bend forward

The bad news for the farmers, however, is they are finding it difficult to procure paddy-cutting machines or harvesters to cut and stock up or market their standing crops. Paddy that was sown 190 days back (this crop is typically grown in 190 days) has now grown fully and farmers are hoping a rich harvest this time.

Scouting for machines

But the farmers are a worried lot as they are finding it difficult to get paddy cutting machines on time as any further delay may result in a dip in yield. The farmers are also concerned that the standing crops will wilt causing withering of paddy if there is anymore delay in harvesting. As a single paddy-cutting machines cost anywhere between Rs.25 and 30 lakh the farmers are unwilling to invest such a huge amount of money. Also the use of these machines is only seasonal and as such no farmer seems to show interest in purchasing the machine at such a huge cost. Instead, they opt for procuring them on rent (hire).

2.5 lakh acres in Mysuru region

According to the statistics available with the Agriculture Department, paddy is grown in one lakh hectare (2.5 lakh acres) in Mysuru district and in most of the places the crop is ready for harvesting. With farmers finding it difficult to get labourers for harvesting, they are eagerly looking at the other options of hiring paddy-cutting machines. As most of the standing crops are ready for harvesting at the same time, the growers are worried that they may not get the machines at the time they need them the most.

Some help from Tamil Nadu

However, in a big relief to farmers, paddy-harvesting machines have just started to arrive in hundreds from neighbouring Tamil Nadu. **Reason:** Harvesting season is over in that lower riparian State. The machines are of two types — tyre-driven and chain-driven. While the tyre-driven machines can travel on roads, chain-driven machines are brought in lorries to paddy fields.

The machines are arriving from Salem, Mettur, Erode and Coimbatore much to the relief of farmers who are heavily dependent on them for harvesting as finding farm labourers is getting difficult with every season.

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[Pics. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

Machines in demand; rent high

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Joint Director of Agriculture Dr. Mahantheshappa said that paddy has been grown in 2.5 lakh acres in the district this season and harvesting has been completed in some places. But there is a delay at some other places as there is labour problem and also due to non-availability of paddy-cutting machines. With the machines in great demand, there are complaints that the owners of the machines are demanding a higher rent. The district administration has fixed a rent of Rs.2,300 per hour for chain-driven machines and Rs. 1,400 per hour for tyre-driven machines and the machine owners are not supposed to collect more than the stipulated rent.

Machinery Centre

The Agriculture Department has planned to set up agricultural machinery and equipment centre where farmers can procure the needed equipment upon payment of hire charges. The centre will have 33 machineries, including paddy cutter, tiller, rotavator, power sprayer, disc harrow and digger Dr. Mahantheshappa added that the Department will ensure that the machines are available by next season.

IN SEARCH OF WORK: ***Giant harvesters come to Mysuru from the neighbouring Tamil Nadu.***

Waiting for Wind to Winnow

Winnowing, the process of separating quality grains from chaff, is a crucial process in the cultivation of paddy. The traditional way of winnowing is making the dried grains fall from a height using shovels and a sieve. The quality grains which are heavy fall vertically while the weightless chaff and straw get blown away by the wind.

Thus, winnowing is effective only when there is a wind. Farmers often have to wait for hours for the wind to blow before they could start the process of winnowing. The process is also called wind-grading. Winnowing can also describe the natural removal of fine material from coarser sediment by wind or flowing water. This is similar to separating paddy from chaff.

Close shave for family as inferno engulfs vehicle

Engine catches fire due to grain threshing on roads

A family of five travelling in a Maruti Omni van had a providential escape when their vehicle caught fire on the road where horse gram was laid by farmers for the threshing process. As the vehicle moved on the road, the dry stalks and chaff caught fire due to friction and force exerted from the four tyres.

The incident occurred recently near Gundlupet on the stretch between Bheemanabeedu and Hulusagundi where farmers had covered the road with the crop for easy threshing. The fire that started at the base of the vehicle in no time spread to the engine and within moments, the entire vehicle was engulfed in flames.

The vehicle had five family members and Ashoka was at the wheels from Kalpetta in Kerala. The fire did not come to the notice of the occupants of the vehicle. However, villagers saw the fire and signalled the driver to stop, thereby saving the family.

The tradition of threshing paddy, horse gram, jowar and ragi crops on roads to separate the crop from sheaves is an age-old one where farmers depend on buses, lorries, cars and bikes to run on harvested crops spread out on roads to be threshed.

Threshing is the process of loosening the edible part of grain from the husks and straw to which it is attached.

It is the step in grain preparation after reaping and before winnowing, which separates the grain from the chaff.

As harvesting season reaches its peak in January, farmers use roads to thresh harvested crop in order to obtain the grains. Roads including Devalapura Road, Suttur Road, Srirangapatna and Naganahalli Road, T. Narasipura Road, Bannur Road, Suttur Road, M.C. Hundi, Meghalapura Road, Hadinaru village, Mellahalli, Varakodu, Thanthigulli, Badagalahundi, Gundlupet and surrounding areas are used by farmers for this purpose.

This process however is dangerous at times as vehicles catch fire as they travel fast on the crop-laden roads. Also, as the vehicles pass the roads laden with crops, they skid and due to dust, they can't see vehicles that are moving ahead, resulting in accidents. Very often, straw gets entangled with the wheels of the vehicles, sometimes causing them to slip off the road. Motorcyclists face this danger most of the times.

City ready with cleanliness plans to regain top spot: MCC Commissioner

Mysuru, Jan.4(MTY&DM)- Maintaining that the City Corporation is all set to take on fresh challenges regarding 'Swachh Survekshan-2020' starting today, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde asserted that the MCC has come up with plans to regain the top ranking, which it had done for two successive years in the past.

Taking part in the interaction programme organised by the Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) at its premises here this morning, Gurudatta Hegde shared the MCC's plans to regain the top slot among clean cities in the country.

Pointing out that Mysuru has been accorded Five- Star Grade in respect of garbage-free city, Hegde said that he had visited most of the cities taking part in the Swachh Survekshan campaign, during which he found that Mysuru was better in all aspects. Noting that waste segregation, collection, management and disposal hold key in the Survey, he said that the Swachh Survekshan-2020 that has started today, will go on till Jan.31. Underlining the importance of the participation of citizens in the Survey, he said that Mysuru is better than any other city in the country.

MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde speaking at the interaction meet at MDJA this morning, as Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath and Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed look on.

Appealing citizens of the city to compulsorily participate in the survey, he stressed that the co-operation of the city residents was vital. Observing that citizen participation in the survey will also be a honour to over 2,500 pourakarmikas working day and night for keeping the city clean, the MCC Commissioner said that the Five-Star Grade accorded by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) is a matter of pride for all Mysureans.

Highlighting that the MCC has launched campaigns by displaying video clippings prepared by it, at Cinema Halls, local TV channels and various social media platforms, Hegde reiterated his call to the city residents to take part in the survey and vote for the city.

Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath said that 'My Waste My Responsibility' should be the motto of every citizen. It is only then we can achieve cleanliness on expected lines, she added.

Replying to a question on reports that MCC Corporators, who took part in a Council meeting held recently had expressed non-cooperation to the Swachh Survekshan, the Mayor clarified that the Corporators had only expressed their disappointment over non-release of grants needed for developmental work. But all the 65 Corporators have promised their total co-operation for the all important Swachh-Survekshan2020 and assured to contribute their mite for the city to regain the cleanest city tag.

Earlier, MCC Health Officer Dr. Nagaraj explained about the parameters of Swachh Survekshan-2020. Pointing out that service-level progress, certification, direct observation and citizen feedback are the four main criteria for the survey totalling 6,000 marks, he said that the city is divided into four zones for the survey, during which a team of officials will inspect and upload real-time data through Geo-tagging method.

Citizen feedback will be obtained through toll free number 1969, online and also from Swachhata MoHUA application, he said. Stating that the MCC is focussing more on connecting with various groups and convey them to be aware of the survey and provide valuable feedback, he asserted that the MCC is concentrating more on areas where it had lost out last time.

Announcing that Mysuru has received ODF++ Certificate from MoHUA for open defecation-free city, he appealed city residents to be part of the survey, which concludes on Jan.31.

Dr. Nagaraj also presented a power–point presentation in respect of last year's survey.

Deputy Mayor Shafi Ahmed, MCC Health Officer Dr. Jayanth, Environment Engineers Maithri and Poornima, MDJA General Secretary K.J. Lokesh Babu, Vice-President (City) Subramanya, Secretary B. Raghavendra and others were present.

Illegal mining of precious stones surfaces again in Kodagu forests

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The estimated cost of the seized precious stones (in raw stage) is Rs. 7 lakh and once the stones are pieced, polished and shaped, it will cost in many lakhs, said Department officials.

The arrested have been identified as M.K. Salim, President of Mekeri Jumma Masjid and M.D. Sharif, a resident of Thyagaraja Colony in Madikeri. Forest sleuths are searching for the other three accused who are absconding including Anil, a resident of Madikeri near Gowda Samaja, Mohammed Ali, a resident of Thyagaraja Colony and Rashid of Bettageri.

Rampant illegal mining of precious stones has been reported from the Pattighat Reserve Forest near Bhagamandala where smugglers are unearthing gemstones, hoodwinking the Forest Department. These precious stones are extracted from the forests and are sold at a premium to luxury hotels, spas and jewellery shops.

The pristine forests of Kodagu, especially the Pushpagiri-Kadamakallu Range that borders Subramanya Forest, Suttathmalai, and Uppukala near Balugodu are constantly targeted by illegal miners. Reports of such illegal mining surfaced 10 years ago where organised gangs used to extract the precious stones from the Pattighat Reserve Forest area and smuggled them into far off places under the very nose of forest officials.

Usually, the stone-mining activity picks up pace during the rainy season as the drenched soil on the hills provide ideal conditions for digging and extracting the stones. After the Forest Department and the District Administration took necessary steps including fencing of forest area and recruitment of locals to keep an eye on such activities, the illegal activity came to a temporary halt.

But the mafia resurfaced four months ago and villagers reported the illegal activity to Madikeri District Forest Officer Prabhakaran. Following definite information, the forest sleuths raided the houses of Anil and Sultan and seized bags containing precious stones.

As part of the operation, houses owned by the relatives of the accused were raided and precious stones were seized. When officials raided the house of one Sultan in Ganapathy Street in Madikeri, they recovered 25 kg of precious stones. Another 25 kg of precious stones were recovered from the house of one Andayi in Sampaje. Raids were carried out at Madenadu and Jodupala as well as a house in Kohinoor Road in Madikeri. Sultan and Andayi are also absconding.

Skill training at RUDSETI

Mysuru, Jan.4- RUDSET Institute, Mysuru, will be conducting skill training programmes in Computer Hardware & Networking from Jan.17 to Jan.28 and Food Processing for women from Jan.10, 2020 to Jan.19, 2020.

The trainings are free of cost including boarding and lodging and will be on compulsorily residential basis.

The candidates who intend to undergo the trainings should be between 18 and 45 years and must be residents of Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar Districts only.

Aadhaar card, Caste / Income certificate, Photo, BPL/APL card are compulsory for attending the programme. Though the education is not mandatory for proof of date of birth, educational qualification is needed.

For details, call Ph: 0821-2519663 or Mob: 81055-26792, according to a press release.

City Centre turns into cell phone-snatching hub

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Police increase surveillance, night beat

Cell phone thefts have also been reported from the outskirts of the city and in layouts and extensions where victims who walk after dinner chatting on their phones are targeted and their phones are snatched.

DCP (Crime and Traffic) B.T. Kavitha told *SOM* that mobile phone thefts have come to the notice and the Department has taken certain measures to combat the crime.

Night beat by Inspectors, ACPs and DCPs have been increased and all the patrol vehicles have been asked to be alert. Also, there is 24x7 monitoring of the Central Business District and suspicious persons filmed on CCTV cameras at the Command Centre at Police Commissioner's Office are being rounded off after information is passed on to the jurisdictional Police, she explained.

An Investigating Officer said that they suspect most of the muggers are college dropouts or unemployed youths.

"They do not have money to buy drugs, liquor and sometimes even to fill fuel for their vehicles, so they resort to snatching mobile phones to sell it in the grey market. We are making efforts to nab them," the officer said.

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District Minister Somanna tells officials to hold 'adalats' in all taluks for addressing public issues

Mysuru, Jan.4 (RKB&DM)- District Minister V. Somanna on Friday directed Additional Deputy Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners to hold *adalats* in all taluks every fortnight in order to address people issues.

Presiding over the Karnataka Development Programme (KDP) meeting at the ZP Hall here yesterday, Somanna pulled up absentee officials. Asking the officials to update him on their monthly tour and bring in transparency in administration, the Minister said the Government was keen to bring in e-Governance and warned officials of stringent action if they failed to discharge their duties in the future.

Hinting that the Government has plans to bring all localities within the Outer Ring Road (ORR) into the purview of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), he said an exclusive meeting of city MLAs, Corporators and officials will be held to discuss the issue.

Directing the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) to complete the work on underground drainage system in villages falling under it, Somanna asked the authorities to ensure that sewage water is not let into the tanks like in Bengaluru.

Referring to the State Government's handing over of 2,300 acres in Bengaluru for a massive housing project, Somanna, who is also the Housing Minister, said a similar initiative will be taken up in Mysuru to address housing problems in city.

MP Pratap Simha appealed the Minister to hold review meeting in taluks, prepare a list of long serving officials in Mysuru and address the housing problem in tribal hamlets. The MP also demanded an increase in funds for ZP and TP members as the available funds are very meagre.

T. Narasipur MLA M. Ashwin Kumar wanted the government to release funds for completing the ongoing development works in the taluk and to build permanent structures for Panchalinga Darshana.

Nanjangud MLA B. Harshavardhan wanted forest officials to step up patrolling at villages in forest fringes, for checking elephant menace.

H.D. Kote MLA Anil Chikkamadu brought the issue of shortage of teachers in H.D. Kote taluk to the notice of the Minister. He also demanded quarters for government staff serving in interior places of the taluk.

Varuna MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah asked MUDA to complete UGD works in villages, construct septic tanks and also take over its maintenance as the Panchayats neither have resources nor the staff to carry out maintenance works.

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda urged the authorities to expedite work on Kabini and Undawadi Drinking Water Projects, that are aimed at augmenting drinking water supplies to the city and a cluster of villages, especially during summer.

When ZP Member Achyutananda brought to the notice of the Minister that vegetables were getting rotten in APMC market for want of a cold storage, Somanna instructed the officials to study the issue and take measures for setting up one at Mysuru APMC.

Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra urged the Minister to recall a Government circular on stopping UGD works in rural areas coming under MUDA jurisdiction. Somanna after receiving inputs from MUDA Commissioner P.S. Kantharaju on the issue, directed the officials to resume the stalled works and complete them at the earliest.

Minister Somanna declared that he would be undertaking a tribal hamlet stay at a *Haadi* in H.D. Kote taluk next month in order to get first hand information on issues that are bothering the tribals. The Minister also announced that he would be hosting a luncheon for all officials who worked for the success of Dasara, on Jan.11.

District In-charge Secretary G. Kalpana, DC Abhiram G. Sankar, ZP CEO K. Jyothi, City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna, SP C.B. Ryshyanth, MLC R. Dharmasena, Periyapatna MLA K. Mahadev and others were present.

MCC directed to prepare Rs. 200-crore budget plan

Mysuru, Jan.4 (SBD&DM)- Instructing MCC officials to prepare a Rs.200-crore budget plan and estimate for improving the city's civic infrastructure, District Minister V. Somanna assured to get the plan sanctioned from the Government.

Chairing a meeting to discuss Mahatma Gandhi Nagara Vikasa Yojana (MGNVY) with Corporation officials at ZP premises here on Friday, Somanna said the city being a prime tourist destination, needs to have proper drinking water and UGD facilities and other civic amenities such as roads, streetlights and parks.

Stating that Chamundi Hill will be brought under the jurisdiction of the MCC, Somanna directed the Corporation officials to come up with a survey report, which will be placed before the Cabinet for approval.

Maintaining that the merger of Chamundi Hill with MCC will enhance the revenue of the civic body, he said that the move will also bring down the MCC's dependency on the Government for funds. MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde apprised the Minister that of the Rs.150 crore sanctioned under MGNVY, Rs.50.76 crore was utilised to adjust for pending bills of JnNURM Drinking Water Project and Rs.10 crore was adjusted for project overshoots, thus leaving the MCC with only Rs.83.36 crore for carrying out developmental works in the city.

In response, the Minister pointed out that the Corporation was not upto the mark in revenue collection. Noting that the MCC's tax collection is below its potential, he directed the MCC Commissioner to introduce online tax payment system soon, as it encourages more people to pay their property tax on time. Also instructing the Commissioner to convene a meeting of Revenue officials to address the issue, Somanna ordered for action against erring officials in the Revenue Section of the MCC and also for the intervention of the Deputy Commissioner to set right things in the civic body.

Urging the Government for special grants for development of Mysuru City, Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra said the Government should take a decision on demolition or renovation of heritage structures — Devaraja Market and Lansdowne building.

The MLA further said that there were too many Government Offices and Educational Institutions housed in heritage structures in city. Nagendra also urged the Government to regularise Vijayashreepura Layout by collecting betterment fees from citizens and to resolve solid waste management issue, that has been haunting the city.

Bioremediation Technology to clear legacy waste, says District Minister

Mysuru, Jan.4- In a big relief to the residents living around the Solid Waste Management unit at Sewage Farm in Vidyaranyapuram, who are suffering from foul smell emanating from two lakh tonnes of legacy waste piled up at the unit, District Minister V. Somanna gave his nod for a project to treat the waste using modern technology.

At the KDP meeting held at the ZP Hall here yesterday, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, who led a seven-member team that included MCC Officers and elected representatives to Nagpur, submitted a report on the waste processing technology adopted by Zigma Company in Maharashtra's Nagpur city. The team had recently visited the plant at Bhandewadi village near Nagpur where Bioremediation technology is being used to process 10 lakh tonnes of legacy waste.

Pointing out that every day, nearly 1,200 tonnes of waste is generated in Nagpur, out of which 800 tonnes is processed using Bioremediation technology, the DC said that the waste generated in Nagpur is three times bigger than Mysuru, where two lakh tonnes of legacy waste has piled up at the Sewage farm over the years.

The DC also argued that Bioremediation is the best process to clear the waste. Bioremediation is a process of treating contaminated soil and subsurface material, by altering environmental conditions to stimulate growth of micro-organisms and to degrade the target pollutants.

After DC Abhiram G. Sankar gave details about the waste treatment project at Nagpur, Minister Somanna said that Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has given his consent for the project based on Nagpur Model, which involves Biominging of legacy waste.

Dasara Sports winners at last receive prize money

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (MTY&US)- After a long wait, the winners of Dasara Sports Meet have at last got their cash prizes.

A news item regarding non-payment of prize money to winners had been published in *Star of Mysore* recently. A total sum of Rs.54,62,500 is said to have been credited to bank accounts of 1,451 winners yesterday.

About 10,000 sports persons had participated in Dasara Sports Meet from several States of the country in 28 various sports which was held from Oct. 1 to Oct.6 last year at Chamundi Vihar Stadium and other venues.

The delay of over three months regarding payment to the winners had disappointed them.

Based on the news report, the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) had managed to pay to a few winners.

The intervention of the District Minister finally paid off with 726 individual winners getting Rs.43,72,500 and 725 winners of group events getting Rs.10,90,000.

Rs. 58.8 crore released to repair Madikeri-Sampaje Road

Madikeri, Jan. 4 (US)- In a press statement, MP Pratap Simha has disclosed that the Union Government has released Rs.58.8 crore to get the stretch of road from Madikeri to Sampaje repaired, coming under National Highway 275, which was damaged in the recent floods.

Pratap Simha had recently met Union Minister for Surface Transport Nitin Gadkari in Delhi and had submitted an appeal for grants to get the damaged road repaired permanently.

The Minister has favourably considered the appeal and has released the amount which would be utilised to construct the retaining walls, drainage, road repair and other related works, stated Pratap Simha and added that the works would commence soon.

Elephant attack, two students injured

Siddapura, Jan.4 (US)- In broad day light, a group of students going to school at Injilagere near here were said to have been attacked by a wild elephant yesterday resulting in grievous injuries to two students — Yuvashri and Nityashri, daughter of a Farm worker Mani.

After a preliminary treatment at a private hospital in Ammathi, the injured girls were admitted to Madikeri District Hospital.

Nityashri, a student of 4th standard and Yuvashri, a student of 2nd standard at Injilagere Government School, were reportedly passing through a coffee plantation to go to school when they were attacked by the elephant.

Another student, who was also there, had a miraculous escape. When the plantation workers raised an alarm, the elephant escaped to the plantation.

The workers have alleged that elephant attack has become common in the area and bemoaned that the Forest Department officials had failed to prevent such incidents.

They added that the elephants were also damaging standing crops. They warned of a protest if the elephant menace was not addressed.

Forest Deputy Range Officer Shivakumar and staff have begun an exercise to chase the elephants out of the plantation.

Community Gathering tomorrow in city

Mysuru, Jan. 4- Mysuru City Namdhari Gowda Sangha has organised Pratibha Puraskar, community gathering as well as matrimonial meet of prospective brides and grooms of the community at Heritage Club, Vijayanagar in city on Jan. 5, (Sunday) from 10.30 am.

President of Sangha's Central Zone C.G. Nagaraju will inaugurate. Former President of Karnataka State Seed and Organic Certification Agency D. Sundardas and Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies G.R. Vijaykumar will be the chief guests. Sangha City President M.N. Somashekhar will preside over the event.

As part of Community Gathering, fancy dress contest has been organised for children belonging to the community from Mysuru city and taluks aged from 6 to 12 years as well as fashion show for unmarried women belonging to the community of Mysuru city and taluks aged 18 years and above, followed by matrimonial meet of prospective brides and grooms of the community.

Those interested to participate are requested to register their names before Jan. 5.

For details, contact M.N. Somashekhar on Mob: 94482-55195 or B.N. Hemalatha Mob: 99164-83831, according to a press release.

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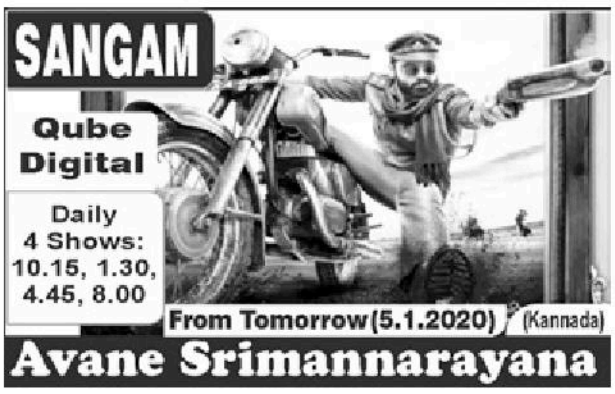

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Rotary celebrates '100 Years in India'

Rotary District 3181 Conference begins

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (SPN&US)- A three-day 4th Conference of Rotary District 3181 — 'Sankalpa 2020' — commenced at Dr. C.Y. Shivegowda's USA Farm at R.T. Nagar here last evening. The occasion also commemorated the celebration of '100 Years of Rotary in India.'

Inaugurating the programme, Rotary International President Rtn. Shekhar Mehta asked Rotary Community to make a resolution to make India totally literate and open-defecation-free.

He said that implementation of any scheme of the Government was very important. He commended Rotary for its service for 100 years in the field of community health, education and welfare of the specially-abled.

He recalled that Rotary took birth in India on Jan. 1, 1920 in Calcutta (now Kolkata) and expressed happiness in celebrating the occasion in Mysuru. He disclosed that a similar function is planned next month in Kolkata. He appreciated the design of the dais on the lines of Amba Vilas Palace to give a royal look.

Coffee Table Book

Commemorating '100 Years of Rotary in India,' a coffee table book was released on the occasion indicating the social service rendered by Rotary over the ten decades, according to Editor of the book, Rtn. PDG G.K. Balakrishna.

The dignitaries were welcomed to the dais in a traditional was by an array of folk tropes. Students of Kautilya Vidyalaya, Teresian College and children of members of Kodagu Rotary Club presented a dance programme.

About 40 stalls were erected at the venue which housed electronic goods, food joint and several other products.

Rotary District Governor Rtn. Joseph Mathew, Rotarians Dakoju Ravishankar, M. Ranganath Bhat, A.R. Ravindra Bhat, Damanjit Singh, Sam Cherian, G.K. Balakrishna and others were present during the celebrations.

Vishnu Rasamanjari in city on Jan. 5

Mysuru, Jan. 4 (MTY) - Marking the 10th death anniversary of actor Dr. Vishnuvardhan, *Vishnu Nights Rasamanjari*, a musical programme, has been organised near N. Madhavarao Circle in Agrahara here on Jan. 5 at 6 pm.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakartara Bhavan, M.D. Parthasarathi of Paathi Foundation, said: "Every year, we have been organising various programmes in memory of Dr. Vishnuvardhan. But this year *Vishnu Rasamanjari,* by singers Chandan and Srinivas, has been organised. On this occasion, music album of the movie *'Nanna Hesaru Kishora'* in which children of *Drama Juniors* fame have acted, will be released and achievers from different fields will be felicitated."

Sanchalana Children's

Theatre Festival from Jan. 6

Mysuru, Jan. 4- A five-day Children's Theatre Festival, organised by Sanchalana, Mysuru, will commence on Jan. 6 at the Mini Theatre in Kalamandira premises here.

The Fest will feature plays by children every day at 6 pm.

The inaugural function on Jan. 6 at 6 pm will have senior theatre activist H.K. Ramanath, MCDCC Bank President G.D. Harish Gowda, Women and Child Development Director K.A. Dayanand, Kannada and Culture Director S. Rangappa, Public Instructions Dy. Director Dr. Panduranga, *Drama Juniors* Director T. Sharanaiah and Bhagavan Sri Satya Sai Baba Mahila mattu Makkala Koota Trust Mysuru Chairman K.B. Prabhuprasad as guests. Entry to the Fest is free.

The Fest has been organised in association with Kannada and Culture Department, Mysuru and Karnataka Balavikasa Academy, Dharwad.

The line up of plays is as follows:

Jan. 6: 'Bommanahalliya Kindarijogi' by students of Sri Satya Saibaba School.

Jan. 7: 'Hidimbana Tota' by students of Udayaravi Trust, K.R. Pet.

Jan. 8: 'Kuni Kuni Navile' by students of Adamya Ranga Shale.

Jan. 9: 'Sri Krishna Garudi' by students of weekend theatre school Atmiya Ranga Prayogalaya Trust, Chamarajanagar, followed by 'Govina Hadu' by students of Aayama Academy of Fine Arts.

Jan. 10: 'Anche Mane' by students of Arivu School.

Vaikunta Ekadashi at Ganapathy Ashrama

Uttara Dwara opens at Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple on Dec.6

Mysuru, Jan. 4- Uttara Dhwara (Northern Gate) of Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama on Ooty Road in Datta Nagar here, will be opened on Jan.6, being observed as Vaikunta Ekadashi Day.

Vaikunta Ekadasi is one of the important and auspicious day for Hindus. Uttara Dwara is opened once in a year and only on Vaikunta Ekadashi day.

Every year, a large number of devotees visit Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple in Ganapathy Ashrama on Vaikunta Ekadasi day. The timings of the Temple are extended to facilitate the devotees and general public on this day.

Uttara Dwara of the Temple will be kept open from 5.30 am to 2.30 pm and 3.30 pm to 9.30 pm, on Monday.

The devotees may have *darshan* of Lord Datta Venkateshwara and seek the blessings.

For details, contact Temple Office on Ph: 0821-2483200.

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Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Avane Srimannarayana	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
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	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
Kiss	Sangam	2520494	2 Shows
Rajeeva	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Dabangg - 3	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Odeya	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Baddi Magan Lifu	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Run-2	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
HINDI			
Good Newwz	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Dabangg 3	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
The Grudge	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Thambi	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
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Avane Srimannarayana (K)	(S-1)	11.30 am, 3 pm, 6.30 pm
	(S-3)	4.05 pm
	(S-4)	1.05 pm, 9.55 pm
Good Newwz (H)	(S-1)	10 pm
	(S-3)	11.00 am
	(S-4)	4.30 pm, 7.15 pm
Prathi Poovankozhi (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.55 am
Jumanji 2 : The Next Level (E-3D)	(S-2)	11.00 am
The Grudge (E)	(S-2)	1.45 pm, 10 pm
Sab Kushal Mangal (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm, 7.10 pm
Bombshell (E)	(S-3)	1.45 pm, 7.30 pm

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Avane Srimannarayana (K)	(S-1)	12.25 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-2)	10 am, 1.40 pm, 5.25 pm, 9.10 pm
	(S-3)	3.55 pm
Good Newwz (H)	(S-1)	4.10 pm
	(S-3)	10.25 am, 9.55 pm
Rajeeva (K)	(S-4)	1.35 pm
The Grudge (E)	(S-1)	10.20 am
	(S-3)	7.40 pm
Prathi Poovankozhi (Ma)	(S-4)	4.30 pm
Jumanji: The Next Level (E-3D)	(S-1)	7.05 pm
Sab Kushal Mangal (H)	(S-4)	10.50 am, 6.50 pm
Bhangra Paa Le (H)	(S-1)	1.10 pm
	(S-4)	9.45 pm

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The Grudge (E)	9.30 am, 1.55 pm, 7.15 pm
Good Newwz (H)	10.05 am, 3.55 pm, 9.45 pm
Avane Srimannarayana (K)	10.45 am, 11.45 am, 2.30 pm
	3.30 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.30, 10 pm
Sab Kushal Mangal (H)	11 am, 4.10 pm, 10 pm
Bhangra Paa Le (H)	1.05 pm, 6.55 pm
Rajeeva (K)	7.05 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 4)

Impressionz: Expo by Sthree Collection from Chennai, Hotel Southern Star, Vinoba Road, **up to 8 pm.**

Sri Kyatanahalli Prakash Sneha Balaga, Mysuru: Felicitation to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Fellowship awardee H. Kyatanahalli Prakash and Savitribai Phule National Fellowship awardee Dr. Kaveri Prakash by journalist Amshi Prasannakumar, Assistant Commissioner and Special Land Acquisition Officer-Almatti (Vijayapura) A.E. Raghu delivers keynote address, Legal Metrology Department Asst. Controller M.S. Kumar presides, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, **4 pm.**

District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) and State Government Employees Association, District Branch: Valedictory of District-level Annual Sports Meet (2019-20) of State Government employees, Chamundi Vihar Stadium, **4 pm.**

People's Union for Civil Liberties (PUCL): Special lecture on 'Manava Hakkugalu Britishara Kodugeye? (Are Human Rights British's Gift?)' by retd. SC Judge Justice B.N. Srikrishna, legal expert Prof. C.K.N. Raja presides, Rotary Hall, JLB Road, **4.30 pm.**

Evergreen Melodies: Musical Evening of *Karunada Chakravarti* Dr. Shivarajkumar's film hits with Karaoke, senior artiste Vidu. Anasuya Sudarshan inaugurates, Ninad Musical Trust Music Director A.S. Prasanna Kumar special guest, felicitation to instrumentalist Sudarshan, Sri Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Smt. Rukmini Ammal and Sri Ramaswamy Iyengar Memorial Concert Karnatak Classical Vocal by Vid. Yoga Advaitha Veturi, accompanied by Vidu. C.V. Shruthi - violin, Vid. Malladi Aravind - mridanga and Vid. Vikram Bharadwaj - ghata, sponsored by Madhuri Thathachari and Dr. R. Srinivasan in memory of their parents, Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Shivakantanandaji speaks on 'Kenopanishad,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, KR Vanam: Discourse on 'Tiruppavai Kalakshepa' by Dr. N.K. Ramaseshan, Sri Ramamandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Hill Temple: Sri Chamundeshwari Ammanavara Kotarotsava Vaibhava, Nadaswara recital by Vid. V. Krishnamurthy and troupe from Mysuru accompanied by Vid. Madhusudhan on Violin, Vid. Puttaswamy on Dolu, Vid. Jayaramu on Mridanga, Vid. Srikantan on tabla, Vid. Mohan on morching, Vid. Shanmugham on keyboard and Vid. Raghavendra on rhythm pad, Deeksha Mantap, temple premises, **6.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**

Anokhi Garden: Art Expo by Mukund Swamy, alumnus of CAVA (Chamarajendra Academy of Visual Arts), Anokhi Garden, 408, Contour Road, near Adithya Hospital, Gokulam, 3rd Stage, **3 pm to 5 pm. [The art expo will be open till Jan.31 between 8 am and 5 pm everyday, except on Mondays]**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 5)

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and government and private agencies: 'Maha Mysuru Plogathon,' MCC's Brand Ambassadors for Swachh Survekshan — educationist and stand-up comedian Prof. M. Krishnegowda and former international cricketer Javagal Srinath — chief guests, Sri Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, **6.30 am.**

Shivarchaka Mahasabha, Gowrishankarnagar, Mysuru: First anniversary celebrations, inauguration of Chamarajanagar District Unit of Shivarchaka Mahasabha, 2nd edition Cricket Tournament and Rangoli Contest for Women, Putaraja Gawai Stadium, J.P. Nagar, **8.30 am.**

Rotary District 3181: 'Sankalpa-2020,' the 4th District Conference, Dr. Madhavan Nair, former Chairman, ISRO, Dr. Manu Baligar, President, Kannada Sahitya Parishat, H.R. Ranganath, Chairman, Public TV and Aravind Jatti, President, Basava Samiti, Bengaluru, chief guests, Yoga Guru Sharath Jois and young golfer Pranavi Urs will be present, Dr. Shivegowda's USA Farm in R.T. Nagar, **9.30 am.**

Kodagu Gowda Ex-Servicemen Welfare Association, Mysuru [99014-25092]: Gettogether and New Year Celebrations, Association President C.K. Basappa presides, orthopaedic Dr. K. Mahadevu chief guest, Kodagu Gowda Samaja, **10 am.**

Centre for Research in Rural and Tribal Development, Alumni Association of the Sociology Students of the University of Mysore (AADSUM) and Samruddhi Foundation: Workshop on 'Ethical Issues in Social Science Research,' Centre for Research in Rural and Tribal Development, # 403, Contour Road, Gokulam II Stage, **10.30 am to 5 pm.**

Zilla Brahmana Mahasabha, Mysuru District, Siri Channel and Sanje Minchu Patrika Balaga: 'Nudi Namana' to late Pejawar Seer Sri Vishwesha Theertha Swamiji, Karnataka State Warehousing Corporation Director Dr. G. Ravi will be present, Hotel Guru Residency, JLB Road, **10.30 am.**

Muktha Voddolaga Vedike: Staging of play 'Sampoorna Ramayana' (Directed by Dr. H.P. Nagendra Prasad), Music Ensemble — Casio by P. Lokesh, Thalavadya by Narasimhachar, Tabla by B.N. Shiva Kumar, Clarinet by C. P. Krishnamurthy, Harmonium by Dr. H. P. Nagendra Prasad, Town Hall, **11 am.**

Jagatika Lingayata Mahasabha, Mysuru District Unit: Sri Chidananda Swamiji graces the occasion, General Body Meeting, Nataraja auditorium, Khille Mohalla, **11 am.**

Basava Samiti, Hebbal-Vijayanagar, Mysuru: Sharana Sangama - 262, talk on 'Allamana Belagu' by retd. Principal G.P. Pushpalatha, Samiti President H.V. Basavaraju presides, Basava Kendra, CA-5, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **11 am.**

Ekata Mysuru Samskritika Vedike and Hale Beru Hosa Chiguru Foundation [Mob: 98863-61343 or 99456-22162]: 'Nammolagina Shrestha Gayakaru,' film song contest, Nyayanga Badavane (Judicial Layout), near Maramma Temple, Bogadi 2nd Stage, **3 pm.**

Layavidyalaya Pratishtana: 13th anniversary celebrations, industrialist and art patron K.V. Murthy inaugurates, Akashavani Asst. Director S.S. Umesh Mysuru City and District Brahmana Sangha President D.T. Prakash and District Co-op. Union President H.V. Rajeev chief guests, **4 pm;** Layalahari - special instruments music programme led by H.L. Shivashankaraswamy, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **7 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: 64th Anniversary and Award Function in Memory of Prof. Dr. A.K. Gopalarajan, conferring of 'Nadabrahma' title on Vid. TAS Mani and 'Nadakishora' title on Vid. Yoga Advaitha Veturi and Nadakishorothsava-2019 Prize Distribution, Tala Tarangini by Vid. TAS Mani and group, Vid. Bellary M. Raghavendra - vocal, Vid. M. Keshava - violin, Vid. TAS Mani - mridanga, Vid. G. Omkar Rao - ghata, Vid. Sunad Anoor - kanjira, Vid. Bhaskar - tavil, Vid. S. Sudarshan - dholak, Vid. M. Gururaj - morching, Vid. T.N. Ramesh - kunnakkol, endowment programme in memory of Dr. A.K. Gopalarajan, sponsored by fraternity of doctors and well-wishers, Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Uma Maheshwara Nruthya Kalakshetra Trust: 'Nritya Samarpana - 2020,' Trust Founder Karnataka *Natyacharya* T.N. Somashekar Memorial Programme, Hindustani vocalist and art critic Dr. Manik Bengeri inaugurates, District Brahmana Sabha President D.T. Prakash chief guest, 'Nrutya Sinchana' by Vidu. K. Sharika and troupe; Conferring of 'Somasri Awards' on Bharatanatyam exponent artist and social worker Vidu. Dr. Jamuna Rani V. Mirle and Sri Bhramarambha Sangeetha Vidyalaya Vice-President Vid. Mysore V. Ambaprasad; Dance Feature 'Navagraha Stuti' by disciples of Sri Uma Maheshwara Nruthya Kalakshetra (Direction by Guru Vidu. T.S. Sreelakshmi Kumar), Jaganmohan Palace, **5.45 pm.**

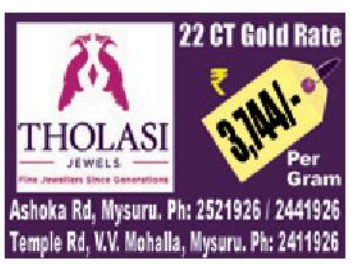
Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Tyagaraja Ramayana, a musical feature based on Kannada form of Tyagaraja Kritis by Vidu. Dr. Geetha Seetharam (vocal), Nagaratna Bhat (vyakhyaana), Vid. Arjun (violin) and Vid. P.S. Sridhar (mridanga), Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra and Articulate Trust for Arts: Kathak by Articulate Dance Studios (Prarthana, Akshatha, Raksha, Pallavi and Yashaswini), Bharatanatyam by Deepa Srinath Bungale and R. Pavan Kumar, Kuchipudi by Aarathi Nair, Prof. Y.T. Thathachari auditorium, BVB, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **6 pm.**

Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha (Rural), Mysuru: Month-long Dhanurmasa Puja, Discourse on Tiruppavai by Vid. Ramanuja Sharma, Trust premises, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**

Smt. D. Ramabai Charitable Foundation and Sri M. Gopinath Shenoy Charitable Trust, Mysuru: RamaGovinda Puraskara-2020 presentation ceremon, Vocalist Vidyabhushana inaugurates, **6 pm;** Demonstrate of Yoga and Mallakamba stunts by students of Jnanasindhu Residential School for the Visually Challenged, Kalamandira, **8 pm to 9 pm.**

Sri Chamundeshwari Devi Hill Temple: Kotarotsava Vaibhava, Karnatak Classical Music by Sangeetha Vidushi Dr. Veena Ravikumar, temple premises, **6.30 pm.**



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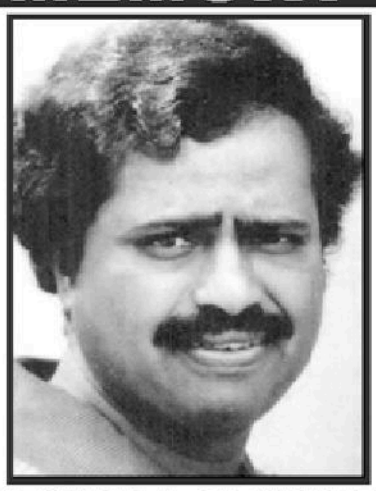

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